

Board Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2019

The December meeting of the Lockwood Irrigation District was held at the Lockwood Water Office, 1644 Old Hardin Rd. Present were Board Members Merrill Walker, Terry Seiffert, and Bob Riehl; Manager Carl Peters, and Secretary/Treasurer Hank Peters. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Merrill Walker.

The Minutes of the November 20th, 2019 Board meeting were reviewed, and a Motion was made by Mr. Seiffert, 2nd by Mr. Riehl, to approve as written. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. LWSD-LID Joint Water Rights Study:** The District is waiting for the Lockwood Water and Sewer District to contact their water rights attorney regarding the feasibility of selling water rights.
- 2. Pump Station & Lift Pipes Rehabilitation Project:** Manager reports that only 25 of 180 tax codes with multiple owners have responded to the letter. The property owners who didn't respond won't get a ballot. The Manager will email engineers to determine the average cost per acreage and email bond counsel regarding the Bond cost estimates for the District for both agricultural and residential properties using either a per acre assessment or a percentage increase to all properties. Discussion followed regarding the requirement that a majority of acres in the District must be represented for a successful Bond Election. The costs of the Bond Election are estimated at \$1.00 per ballot, about \$1,500.00 total. Manager will email Bond Counsel asking if Bond Counsel charges are different if the Bond Election fails. Options to the District in the event of a Bond Election failure were also discussed. Mr. Riehl suggested drafting letters to be included with the ballots explaining why the District needs the resolution to pass. Mr. Walker said that one letter should be drafted by the board members.
- 3. I-90 Project:** The Manager will draft a letter to Stephanie Hudock, PE of Sanderson Stewart Engineering stating the District's position is to retain all the I-90 irrigation crossings as outlined in the original 1964 plans.
- 4. LID Audit:** The Manager is currently gathering information regarding the values of inventory, infrastructure, and other assets for depreciation purposes for the upcoming audit.
- 5. Weaver Lateral Issue:** Mr. Seiffert forgot to draft a letter to Mr. Bill Grice regarding a pipe that must be flushed. Mr. Seiffert will send out the letter, which will give Mr. Grice the option of the District contracting the work to Pace Construction and assessing Mr. Grice for the cost or Mr. Grice choosing his own contractor and paying himself.
- 6. LID Intake Maintenance:** Rock Solid Contracting will provide the Manager with an estimate for repairing three washouts in the spring of 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Updated 2014 L.I.D. Rate Study:** The rate study is on hold.
- 2. Canal Leaks:** Leaks on the 100' canal at Sunrise and Greenwood will be fixed in the spring.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Silt was removed at the pumphouse by Pace Construction. Wiedrick Crane Service removed the five 4' x 10' inner screens at the Pump Station after the Manager was unable to remove the screens using a

truck. The Manager will get locking chains welded to the drain access lids on the 100' siphon at Cedar Canyon and the 60' Box Elder Creek siphon. The '98 1 T Dodge diesel is at Cory's Auto Repair with the stabilizer bar, timing housing, pinion seal, and rear differential being replaced. Chunks of gear were found broken off in the Power Lock limited slip differential on the Dodge. The differential will be replaced with a used differential because the original design is not manufactured anymore.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The NorthWestern Energy bill has been reduced after an inquiry from the District resulted in an actual meter reading as opposed to the previous estimate. The Secretary presented the budget report for November. A list of checks written November 21st through December 18th was presented to the Board.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Seiffert, seconded by Mr. Riehl. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Next monthly meeting will be January 15th, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Hank Peters
Secretary/Treasurer